27th March 1963]

* 79 *Q.*—SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of stand conductors employed under the City State Transport system as on 1st September 1962; and

(*b*) the hours of the day during which their services are utilised?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : (*a*) Sixty-three (63)

(*b*) The stand conductors are posted to work in two spells viz., 7 a.m. to 11 a.m. and 4-30 p.m. to 8-30 p.m. each day.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : May I know, Sir, what work is given to them during the other part of the day?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : I do not have the information, Sir. But they are detailed for work for eight hours. Out of this eight hours, four hours they do in the stands. Probably they will get other work to do during the other four hours.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Are there stand conductors permanently posted at busy places like the Central Station and the Parry's Corner?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : Yes, Sir. Stand conductors are posted in busy centres like Parry's Corner, Central Station and a number of other places. There are as many as 63 stand conductors.

* 80 *Q.*—MR. CHAIRMAN : As the hon. Member is not in his seat, the question and the answer thereto will be printed in the official report of the proceedings.

Panchayats

SRI S. K. SAMBANDHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state—

(*a*) the rates at which the Panchayats are charged for electricity supplied; and

(*b*) whether there is any proposal to reduce that rate?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : (*a*) & (*b*) : A statement [a] is placed on the table of the House.

Pension

* 81 *Q.*—SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of applications for pension received from retired teachers during the year 1961 in each District Educational Officer's Office in the State;

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a Printed as Appendix II on pages 62-63.